Procurement of Wheat and Rice

529. SHRI KAMAL. MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the increase in the procurement prices of foodgrains during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of higher increase in procurement prices the procurement of wheat and rice has not been encouraging; and

(c) if so, target set for procure, ment and achievement made during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a): A Statement showing increase in minimum support prices (procurement prices) of foodgrains during 1991.92 and 1992-93 is enclosed. *(See below).*

(b) and (c): A quantity of 104.49 lakh tonnes of Rice (including paddy in terms of rice) and 63.80 lakh tonnes of Wheat have been procured as on 22-2.1993 during the current kharif and rabi marketing season 1992-93. The procurement of Paddy and Wheat under price support operation being totally on voluntary basis, and the procurement of levy rice being dependent on the quantum of paddy purchased by the rice millers, no targets as such can be fixed for' procurement of rice and wheat.

Statement

Minimum support/statutory minimum prices fixed by the Government for agricultural commodities

(According to Crop Year) (Rs. per quintal)

Crop	Variety	Quality	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4	5
Paddy	Common	FAQ	230.0 (25.00)	270.00 (40 00)
Price Differential . .	Fine and Super-fine		10.00	10.00
Jowar			205.00 (25.00)	240.00 (35.00)
Bajra			205.00 (25.00)	240.00 (35.00)
Maize			210.00 (30.00)	245.00 (35.00)
Ragi			205.00 (25.00)	240.00 (35.00)

1	2	3	4	5
Wheat		*275.00	(50.00)	*330.00 (55.00)
Barley		210.00	(10.00)	260.00 (50.00)
Tur (Arhar)		545.00	(65.00)	640.00 (95.00)
Moong		545.00	(65.00)	640.00 (95.00)
Urad		545.00	(65.00)	640.00 (95.00)
Gram		500.00	(50.00)	600.00 (100.00)
Groundnut-in-shell		645.00	(65.00)	750.00 (105.00)
Soyabean	Black	395.00	(45.00)	475.00 (80.00)
	Yellow	445.00	(45.00)	525.00 (80.00)
Sunflower-seed		670.00	(70.00)	800.00 (130.00)
Rapeseed & Mustuad		670.00	(70.00)	760.00 (90.00)
Toria		645.00	(75.00)	725.00 (80.00)
Safflower		640.00	(65.00)	720.00 (80.00)
Cotton	F-414/H-777	695.00	(75.00)	800.00 (105.00)
	H-4	840.00	(90.00)	950.00 (110.00)
Jute	W-5 Assam	375.00	(55.00)	400.00 (25.00)
Sugarcane		26.00	(3.00)	31.00 (5.0)
Tobacco † (Rs./Kg.)	VFC Black Soil	14.75	(1.50)	16.00 (1.25)
	F. 2 grade Light soil L. 2 grade	16.00	(1.75)	17.50 (1.50)
Copra	Milling	17.00	(100.00)**	— —
	Ball	1850*		

*Including Central bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal.

@ For a buicrecovery of 8.5 % with a proportionate premium of every 0.1% increase above tint level.

**For calendar year 1991.

NOTE: Figures in brackets are the absolute increase in minimum support prices over the previous year.